CHRISTMAS.

INNIE'S AND WILLIE'S PRATER.

Twas the eve before Christmas; " Good aight" had been said, There were tears on their pillows, and tears

For to night their stern father's command had been given.
That they should retire precisely at seven; Instead of at eight; for they troubled him

With questions unheard of than ever be He had told them he thought this delu No such being as "Santa Claus" ever had And he hoped, after this, he should never

How he scrambled down chimneys with presents each year.
And this was the reason that two little So restlessly tossed on their soit, downy

Eight, nine, and the clock on the steeple Not a word had been spoken by either till When Willie's sad face from, the blanket

did peep.
And whispered, "Dear Annie, is you fast "Why, no, brother Willie," a sweet voice "I've tried it in vain, but I can't shut my For, somehow, it makes me so sorry because

Dear papa has said there was no Sants

Claus

Now we know there is, and it can't b For he came every year before But then, I ve been thinking that she used and God would hear everything mamm

would say. And perhaps she asked him to send With the sacks full of presents he brought every year."

"Well, why tan't we pay dest as mamma did then, And ask him to send him with " I've been thinking so, too;" and without a word more Four little bare feet bounded out on the

And four little knees the soft carpet pres-And two tiny hands were clasped close to "Now Willie, you know we must firmly

receive : You must wait just as still till I say the And by that you will know that your turn has come then."

" Dear Jesus, look down on my brother and And grant us the favor we are asking of

I want a wax dolly, a tea-set and ring.
And an ebony work box that shuts with spring; Bless papa, dear Jesus, and cause him to see That Santa Claus loves us far better than he,

Don't let him get fretful and angry again At dear brother Willie and Annie. Amen ! Please, Desus, et Santa Taus tum down to-night, And bring as some presents before it is I want he should dive me a nice 'ittle sed

With bright, shiny runners, and all painted A box full of tandy, a book and a toy. Amen, and then, Desus, I'll be a dood boy. Their prayers being ended, they raised up their heads, And with hearts light and cheerful again

sought their beds. They were soon lost in slumber, both peaceful and deep; And with fairies in Dreamland were roam ing in sleep. Bight, nine, and the little French clock

Ere the tather had thought of his children He seems now to hear Annie's half suppressed sighs. And to see the big tears stand in Willie's

blue eyes. "I was harsh with my darlings," he mentally said " And should not have sent them a early to bed;

But then I was troubled-my feelings found For bank stock to day has gone down ten per cent.; But of course they've forgotten their trou

bles ere this,
And that I denied them the thrice asked fo But just to make sure, I'll steal up to their

So saying, he softly ascended the stairs, And arrived at the door to hear both o their prayers. His Annie's " bless papa" draws forth the

big tears.
And Willie's grave promise fells sweet on his cars. "Strange, strange, I'd forgotten," said he with a sigh.

"How I longed, when a child, to have Christmas draw nigh, I'll atone for my harsbness," he inwardly said, By answering their prayers ere I sleep in may bed."

Then be turned to the stairs, and softly went down. Threw off velvet slippers and silk dressing gows ; Donned hat, coat and boots, and was out in

the street. A millionaire facing the cold, driving sleet, Nor stopped he until he had bought every From the box full of candy to the tiny

Indeed, he kept adding so much to his That the various presents outnumbered Then homeward he turned with his holiday

And with Annt Mary's aid in the nursery Miss Dolly was seated beneath a pine tree By the side of a table spread out for he

A work box, well-filled in the centre was

A soldier in uniform stood by a sled,

As if getting ready more presents to drop. And as the fond, father the picture sur-But why do I talk of the mother; the father was the head of the family, and he kept his place. He was firm but unswerv-ing, and the idea of responsibility ran through all he said or did. We knelt in veyed, He thought for his trouble he had amply prayer together, and I noted that not only did each boy read the Scriptures, but each

"I'm happier to-night then I've b they tenderly put their arms about each other; and after the children had prayed, What care I if bank stock more Hereafter Pll make it a rule, I believe,

To have Santa Claus visist us each Christ mas eve, So thinking he gently extinguished the the light. And tripped down the stairs to retire the night, As soon as the beams of the bright morn ing sun Put the darkness to flight, and the

one by one, Four little blue eyes out of sleep opened wide, And at the same moment the present Then out of their beds they sprang with butamuch I arger one for our minds That

And the very gifts prayed for were all They laughed and they cried in their in nocent clee, And shoute for "papa" to come quick acc What presents old Santa Claus brought in the night, (Just the things that they wanted) and left

'And now," added Annie, in a voice soft "You believe there's a Santa paps, I know;"
While dear little Willie climbed up on his Determined no secret between them should

That their dear, blessed ago dead. Used to kneel down and pray by of her chair. And that God up in Heaven had answered

her prayer

we tould And Dod answered our prevers: now he dood ? I should say that he was, if he sent you all these, And knew just what presents my children the nature of these influences and of their would (Well, well, let him think so, the dear lit. tle elf.

Twould be cruel to tell him I did it my-

Den we dot up and payed dust

Blind father! who caused your stern heart to relent? And the hasty word spoken Twas the Being who b up stairs.

And made you his agent to

y loaning him a quarter, but remarked, 'I must have interest." The next day he called and handed her a new stamp and a couple of bottles of perfume, saying, "the two scents are for interest."

a gentlemen, senor."

Rev. Dr. Candor, of —, announces, "Let us continue our worship by listening to a piece of sheet music performed by the operatic quartette, who have been secured egardless of expense. A ferry man was asked by a timid lady

whether any persons were ever lest in the river over which he rowed. "Oh, no," "No A DAY FOR WHISTLIN"."—The late Dr. Macadam used to tell of a tipsy Scotchman making his way home upon a bright Sunday morning when the good people were wending their way to the kirk. A little dog pulled the ribbon from the hand of a lady who was leading it, and as it ran away from het, she appealed to the first passer-by, asking him to whistle for her poodle. "Woman," he retorted, with a solemnity of visage which only a drunken man can assume, "woman, this is no a day for whistlin"!"

Invades the neighborhood which had been given up to quiet and domesticity. Railling AMERICAN and ENGLISH STORY WRITERS. The Magazine will continue to hold its pre-emi-some in this regard. The ESSAYS, REVIEWS and EDITORIAL PAPERS will, as heretofore. How many hearts have been wrenched from their moorings by this process no one can estimate. It is going on all the time at an accelerating rate, and bids fair to set our whole native population adrift. We have already grown to regard all our homes as articles of traffic. If we own a house, it is only as a possesting the solution of scribner's Monthly by the verdict of both of both the English and the American press is "THE BEST OF ALL THE MONTHLIES."

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at sea and the men were all starving and I'd jump into the water." "But," said growing fast, particularly in the cities, is a bis mother, "they would fish you up.'. further step downwards. Its tendency is to LAh! but I wouldn't bite!" extinguish the last spark of domesticity.

The Home

In my visiting, I have found a home. It in the city. It is within a stone's throw of considerable destitution, and it has an outlook that I wish could be bettered. The first thing you will see in the little front room is a bunch of dried fern-leaves, elegantly grouped with a few mosses, and instened on the wall; then a bunch of lichens and group of leaves. These are exquisite, displaying the art of nature in arrange ment. They take the place of chromes or more costly paintings. Oh! you say, how sweet and fresh and tasty; you know what to expect in the mother of this household. And you will not be disappointed. She is not an artist or a scholar—does not understand botany or drawing; she has no advantages which are unusual. She has simply used well what she had. I found that she not only knew how to arrange her house, but how to keep it home. Her children were growths of this home. They it a ring for which Annie had grew up out of their ideas thrift, taste, love, order. She had an idea that home was not worth building spart from the time on all fours with a child on his back with bright, shinning runners, and all family. Its object was to be applied every than could Lyman Beecher. But what There were balls, dogs and horses, books all her apartments she has studied an adbetween things and spicits. The And birds of all colors were perched in was where her babies were to get their first impressions and conceptions, where they While Santa Claus, laughing, stond up in were to be molded and cultured, and made to Jonathan and Jerusha Ann to stand, sit,

A Book for Boys and Girls. NER writes :

one prayed. One knelt with his mother, the other with his father. As they knelt other's eyes with an unaccountable expression of devotion. Throwing open the door of a little nook filled with books and maps and globes, the father said : "This is our wardrobe, walk in." "But I do not of children in this country.", see a garment here," said I, "No, but still here are several coats, and dresses, and

bonnets; and here," pointing to a cyclo-pædia, "is a pile of furs. You see we thought like others, that we could not The prospectus of the second volume show afford books. But we found that we ate up a valuable volume at each meal-that a coat would buy from twenty to forty "THE YOUNG SURVEYOR," volumes, and that by a little saving we could indulge here. So, we don't have quite so large a wardrobe for our bodier,

-Christian at Work.

room where we knelt is our worship room."

each kissed his parents, looking into each

Thanksgiving festivals. -The traditional feasting and joviality remain, but the occasions are less prominently gatherings at home than they used to be. They are no longer looked forward to as the great family event of the year, for which supreme efforts must be made by all the members to join each other around the old fireside. Now, so many as can do so without inconvenience will honor the eccasion with their presence; others will stay away upon slight excuse, and the party will be made up by inviting in friends and neighbors. The comprehensive, exclusive family gath-erings of past Thanksgivings grow rarer every year, and threaten to become obso-lete. The change of which we speak would be of little importance did it concern merely the way in which a particular festival should be celebrated, for this is a point subject to fashion. It is the result of influences which are altering the aspects of our whole social life. In view of

ultimate tendency it becomes a subject of grave consideration. The ties of American family life are undergoing a weakening process. Fashion, the restless spirit of enterprise, the reckless-ness of speculation, the activity which sends men to the four quarters of the earth SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY at a few hours' notice, bid fair to destroy them, and to extinguish the old-fashiened "The Great National Magazine," love of home. Young men do not think enters upon a new year (its ninth volume) with now of settling down on the old place.

Their first impulse when they are old and LARGER ENTERPRISE than ever before, and with the ambition it has maintained from and with the ambition it has maintained from the before the control of the settlement of

The excuse is made that the visit will take up time, and involve trouble and extended of bottles of perfume, saying, "the two scents are for interest."

An Irish gentleman travelling in Spain, went into a barber shop to get shaved, The man of form, with great obsequiousness, placed his customer in the chair and commenced operations by spitting on the soap and rubbing it over the gentleman's face. "Blood and 'ounda," was the illigant remark of the Irishman; "is that the same time in his wrath preparing to overturn the wig-minister. "It is the way we shave a gentlemen, senor." "Then how do you get back there. The prevailing object in the cannot be afforded. It is a mere pretext. Our fathers had to trudge tediously over bard roads; they were days in traversing distances that we pass over in hours; the dimes they spent were worth as much to them as the doilars we deal in; they never found the journey too long, or troublesome, or expensive, but made it if they had to economize for the whole of the way you shave a gentleman in at the same time in his wrath preparing to overturn the wig-minister. "It is the way we shave a gentlemen, senor." "Then how do you get back there. The prevailing object to the cannot be afforded. It is a mere pretext. Our fathers had to trudge tediously over bard roads; they were days in traversing distances that we pass over in hours; the dimes they spent were worth as much to trudge tediously over bard roads; they were days in traversing distances that we pass over in hours; the dimes they spent were worth as much to trudge the diously over bard roads; they were days in traversing distances that we pass over in hours; the dimes they spent were worth as much to trudge the diously over bard roads; they were days in traversing distances that we pass over in hours; the dimes they spent were worth as much to trudge the following the spent of the Color rado is one of the most famous exploits of Western travel. This series will rival "THE GREAT SUITH" papers in the magnificence of its illustrations, whilst passessing greater variety and take up time, and involve trouble and exgentlemen, senor." "Then how do you get back there. The prevailing object shave a poor man?" We spit in his face and views of life are different from what shave a poor man?" We spit in his face and views of life are different from what and rub the soap over that," was the Spaniard's reply.

Rev. Dr. Candor. of _____, announces,

places which once ruled, Our homes themselves are passing away. Parents chafe at being left alone, and remove to join their children, or sell the old place and go to town to live. The home stead, in the hands of strongers, is no longer home; the new place never gets so naturalized as to seem home. Speculation invades the neighborhood which had been MERICAN and ENGLISH STORY WRITERS. sion which we may hold for a year or two, "Mother," said a little shaver the other and sell at the first offer of a good price; day, "I know what I would do if I was but is hardly ever regarded longer as a heart treasure which is to become identithey should draw lots to see who should fied with our life. The custom of living be killed and esten and it should be me. in hotels and boarding houses, which is

AMUSEMENTS.

Play, by which we mean recreation some sort, is not the main thing of life, is not a mere house with a family in it, but is food or sleep. Some people—most people is not in the country among the hills, nor is it in one of the favored streets of inxury time in bed; more, in this hurrying age, sleep too little. A great many throw away some of their most precious opportunities in trivilous and debasing amusements. Others, we are fully persuaded-and often the most earnest and consecrated soulswould do more work and better if they took more recreation. It is a question of degree as well as of kind, and each must conscientiously settle his own duty for himself. Personally we have never found it necessary to fall back on the theatre, the ball-room, or the card-tal le for recreation. nor felt disposed to commend them to others. But we never saw sin per se in blind man's-buff, jack-straws, aleigh-riding or church sociables, under sens ble limitations. However, we are all fallible, and we have a good minister who would argue by the hour against "amusements," and all the while wreathing his head in a cloud of tobacco smoke. No man was ever more tond of healthful sport than Martin Luther, and no man could make better Church.

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Leave Roceville, a. m., 6 50, 7 40, 8 35; 9 35, 11 35, p. m., 2 45; 4 25, 5 25, 6 10, 7 05, 9 15 and 12.50 A. M.

Leave Watsessing, a. m., 6 55, 7 44, 8 41, 9 49, 11 41; p. m., 2 51, 4 31, 5 31, 6 16, 7 13, 9 91. and Fridays only at 12.59 A. M.

Leave BLOOMPIELD, a. m., 6 50, 7 49, 8 44, 9 45, 11 44; p. m., 2 54, 4 34, 5 34, 6 19, 7 16, 9 24, and Fridays only at 12.59A. M.

Leave Ridgewood, a. m., 7 02, 7 52, 8 47, 9 48, 11 47; p. m., 2 57, 4 37, 5 37, 6 22, 7 19 97, and Fridays only at 1.09 A. M.

Arrive Monyclara, a. m., 7 05, 7 55, 8 50, 9 51, 11 50 p. m., 2 00, 4 40, 5 40, 6 25, 7 22, 9 30. and 1.05 A. M.

STAGE LINE TO CALDWELL, VERO-NA AND PINE BROOK. Leave M. & E. Depot, MONTCLAIR, on trains and the P. M. 2, 3.40, & 4.40 trains

Returning, Leave Pine Brook at 11.50 A. M. and Caldwell at 6.80, 7.15, 8.15 & 9.50 A. M., and at 12.80, 2.80 & 4.10 P. M. GEO. B. HARRISON, Proprietor CHERIFF'S SALE-IN Chancery of New Jersey-Between W. J. Williamson, plainant and Jos. P. Hague, et als., de ante. Fl. Fs., for sale of mortgaged

The sale of preperty in the above stated case stands adjourned until Tuesday the fifth day of January next, at two o'clock P. M at the Court House in the city of Newark,

JAMES PE- KWELL, Sheriff.

Newark, N. J. Dec. Sth 1874. HERIFF'S SALE. New Jersey Su

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JAMES PECK WELL. Sheriff Newark, N. J., Dec. 8, 1874.

SHERIFF'S SALE,—In Chancery of New Jersey-Between Jane D. Ward and als executore, etc., of John F. Ward deceased, complainants, and Joseph P. Hague and als, defeudants—Fi. fa, for sale of Mortgaged prem-The sale of property in the above stated case stands adjourned until Tuesday, the fifth day of January next at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Court House, in the City of Newark.

JAMES PECKWELL,

Newark, N. J., Dec. 8 1874.

CHERIFF'S SALE.—In chancery of New Jersey—Between William J. Madlson complainant and Mary Tomey defendant, Fl. Fa. for sale of mortgaged premises.

By virtue of the above named Writ of Fleri Facias, to me directed I shall expose for sale by Public Vendue, at the Court House in Newark, on Tuesday the twinty-ninth day of December next, at two o'clock, P. M.; all that certain tract or parcel of land and premises situated in the township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey. Beginning at the north east corner of Hickory and Vine streets on the east side of the Morris Canal. Thence (1) northerly along Hickory street one hundred and five feet.—Thence [2] easterly and parallel with Hickory street, one hundred and five feet to Vine Street. Thence [4] westerly along Vine Street to the beginning.

JAMES PECKWELL:

Newark, N. J. O:tober 28th, 1874.

Newark, N. J. Ostober 28th. 1874. SHERIFFS SALE—In Chancery of New Jersey, between Mary C. Sautermelater com-plainant and J. Ward Tichenor and wife and als, defendants, Fi. Fa. for sale of mortgaged

premises.

By virtue of the above stated Writ of Fieri facias to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Veddue at the Court House in Newark, on Tuesday the twenty-ninth day of December nex', at two o'clock, P. M. all that tract or parcel of land and premises situated in the township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, Beginning in the north line of Mource Place, formerly Division Street, at a point distant easterly four hundred and and fifty feet from the east line of Park Piace formelly East Park street; thence running easterly along Division street fifty feet to land of Sheldon; thence along his line north eleven degrees thirty minutes cast one hundred and fifty feet three inches more or less to land of Israel C, Ward; thence along his line north seventy-eight degrees fifteen minutes west one hundred and fifty feet more or less to he place of beginning. Being part of premises conveyed to said Joseph P. Hague by deed recorded in book F. 16 of deeds, page 554.

Newark N. J. Oct. 28, 1874.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 28, 1874. SHERIFF'S SALE—In Chancery of New Jersey—Between David Torrens et als., complainant and John Levy et als. de endants. Fi. fs., for sale of mortgaged premises.

The sale of property in the above stated crass stands adjourned until Tuesday the 19th day of January next, at two o'clock, P. M., at the Court House in the City of Nawark.

JAMES PECKWELL,
Sheriff,

Newsck, N. J., Dec. 22, 1874. GUARDIAN SALE. IN CHANCERT OF NEW JERSEY—In the matter of the Petition of Robert M. Hening, Guardian of Alfred F. De Luke, a Lunatic, for the sale of Real Estate—an order for sale. Thesale of property in the above a law, is adjourned until

R. M. HENING,

